



## UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Summary October 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Nelson and introductions were done.

The meeting summary from September 8 was approved (motion from Mark Firley, seconded by Pat Seals).

**Update from the County Council** – Sharon St. Pierre (Councilmember Rice's Office) updated the board on Council activities.

**Update from the Upcounty Regional Director** - Catherine Matthews highlighted several announcements from the recent newsletter, Upcounty Today!

#### **Presentation & Discussion –“The Achievement Gap in Montgomery County Public Schools”**

Timothy B. Warner, Chief Engagement and Partnership Officer Montgomery County Public Schools reviewed several initiatives underway that are serving youths such as a new Linkages program coming to Southlake Elementary in January 2015, and a family food distribution that will begin soon at the local mobile homes park.

#### **Chairperson's Report:**

Mrs. Matthews reminded the board that their comments were requested by Park planners on the proposed Ovid Hazen Wells Recreation Master Plan update. Brian Donohue suggested that the board hold off on submitting comments until a traffic impact study is done. The board voted to send a letter with comments after a traffic study was completed (motion by Kevin Linck, seconded by Daisha New). The motion was approved unanimously.

After a brief discussion, the board decided to send input for the Fire and Rescue Service's Master Plan Update of Needs and Priorities (motion from Daisha New, seconded by Mark Firley). The motion was approved unanimously.

Robert Nelson, Board Chair, asked for volunteers to serve on an interview committee for new board applicants. Brian Donohue, Pat Seals and Mark Firley agreed to serve.

#### **Committee/Liaison Reports:**

Quality of Life Committee Chair James Wallace shared feedback from his committee meeting that took place on September 29 with a discussion about the need for more services and activities for Upcounty teens, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings. The board decided to send comments (motion from James Wallace, seconded by Mark Firley). The motion was approved unanimously.

Land Use Committee Chair Mark Firley briefed the board on their meeting's discussion on the upcoming Montgomery Village Master Plan review. After the briefing, the board decided to send comments on the Planning Department's process for reviewing the Montgomery Village and Gaithersburg East Master Plans with a recommendation to review both plans at the same time (motion from Mark Firley, seconded by Beth Daly). The motion was approved unanimously.

Juan Cardenas gave an update on a recent meeting of the Airpark Liaison Committee.

**New Business/Announcements** – The Upcounty Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Kick-off will be held on

October 27 at the Germantown Community Recreation Center.

**Community Comments** – None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

*Board Attendance:* Juan Cardenas, Beth Daly, Brian Donohue, Mark Firley, Darlene Kerr, Kevin Linck, Robert Nelson, Daisha New, Tobi Printz-Platnick, David Rosenbaum, Pat Seals, and James Wallace

*Additional Guests:* Sharon St. Pierre, Edna Miller, Tiffany Nelson, Lori Tyer-Ellis, Miles Maobie, Richard Wilder, Angela Cooper, Mark Gochmour, Marcus Dixon, and Brian Roberts

*Staff:* Catherine Matthews and Miquitta Scott

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